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SUBJ : UNIVERSITY CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT SUBJECT OF SCHLEBUSCH

COMMISSION'S FINAL REPORT

1 LE GRANGE (FORMERLY SCHLEBUSCH) COMMISSION ISSUED ITS FINAL REPORT, THIS ONE ON DEFUNCT UNIVERSITY CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT (UCM) JUNE 8. NOT UNEXPECTEDLY COMMISSION FOUND UCM TO HAVE ENGAGED IN DANGEROUS,ANTI-STATE ACTIVITIES. IN STATEMENT REMINISCENT OF HISTORIAN'S JUDGEMENT OF

HOLY ROMAN EMPIRE(NEITHER HOLY, NOR ROMAN, NOR AND EMPIRE) COMMISSION FOUND UCM TO HAVE HAD LITTLE UNIVERSITY SUPPORT, TO NOT HAVE BEEN MOVEMENT, AND TO HAVE BEEN BASICALLY UNCHRISTIAN IN ITS PHILOSOPHY.

2. AS IN ITS FINDINGS ON CHRISTIAN INSTITUTE(CI), COMMISSION DETERMINED

THAT UCM WAS LARGELY FINANCED AND INSPIRED FROM ABROAD. U.S.UNIVERSITY

CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT AND WORLD STUDENT CHRISTIAN FEDERATION ALLEGEDLY ENCOURAGED SOUTH AFRICANS IN 'PASSIONATE BELIEF' OF NEED FOR RADICAL CHANGE AND HELPED INTRODUCE FOREIGN IDEOLOGIES INTO COUNTRY.

3. AMONG DANGEROUS ACTIVITIES OF UCM WERE FOMENTING OF BLACK THEOLOGY,

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PROMOTION OF 'AFRICAN SOCIALISM' USE OF SENSITIVITY TRAINING, AND
INTRODUCTION OF BLACK POWER AND BLACK CONSCIOUSNESS INTO SOUTH AFRICA.

LATTER MOST DANGEROUS FOR ITS INFLUENCE REMAINED IN COUNTRY EVEN AFTER

UCM DISSOLVED. REPORT CATALOGUES ALLEGATIONS THAT UCM NATIONAL
CONVENTIONS SCENE OF WILD PARTIES,POT SMOKING,OFFENSIVE DISCUSSIONS
OF SEXUAL ATTITUDES, AND WORSE, UCM'S USE OF SENSITIVITY TRAINING TO
FOSTER 'WHITE CONSCIOUSNESS' OR FEELINGS OF GUILT ABOUT RACIAL SCENE
IN
SOUTHAFRICA PARTICULARLY SCORED BY COMMISSION.

4. CENTRAL POINT OF FINDINGS IS THAT UCM,LIKE CI AND NATIONAL UNION OF

SOUTH AFRICAN STUDENTS (NUSAS). HAS, BY ITS EMPHASIS ON NEED FOR
RADICAL
CHANGE VIA PROMOTION OF GREATER BLACK IDENTITY,POLARIZED SOUTH
AFRICAN SOCIETY AND CREATED THE NECESSARY TINDER TO PROMOTE VIOLENT
RACIAL CONFLAGRATION. FACT THAT MANY UCM LEADERS APPARENTLY SINCERELY
DECRIED VIOLENCE DISMISSED AS EXAMPLE OF THEIR NAIVETE.

5. UCM DISBANDED ITSELF IN 1972 AFTER MANY OF ITS BLACK LEADERS OPTED
FOR BLACK EXCLUSIVITY OF SOUTH AFRICAN STUDENT ORGANIZATION (SASO) AND

OTHER FOUNDERS LEFT COUNTRY. REPORT MAKES NO RECOMMENDATIONS FOR
FURTHER ACTION BUT DOES, HOWEVER, EXPRESS COMMISSION'S CONCERN THAT UCM

RECEIVED SIGNIFICANT AND 'UNCRITICAL ACCEPTANCE' OF INDIVIDUAL ENGLISH-

SPEAKING CHURCHES,SOUTH AFRICAN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES, AND ENGLISH-
LANGUAGE
PRESS WITHOUT THESE GROUPS CONDUCTING 'EVEN THE MOST SUPERFICIAL
INVESTIGATION' INTO ITS FINANCES AND MOTIVES.

6. POST WILL POUCH REPORT TO AF/S WHEN IT BECOMES AVAILABLE.

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